

MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 2020 MEETING

- The January 14th, 2020 meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM at the Ketchikan Public Library conference room.
- Advisory Board members present: Leslie Jackson, Amanda Kiely, Teri Hoyt and Rick Hauver
- Staff present: Aaron Ostby
- The agenda was approved by Amanda, seconded by Teri
- The December 2019 meeting minutes were approved by Amanda, seconded by Teri
- Correspondence: Teri asked about the First Day Hike not being advertised on State Parks social media, Leslie commented that they did post about the event, but it was after it happened.
- Persons to be heard: None

STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- Answered Rick's question regarding status of damaged bridge on Lunch Creek trail. Rick, will bring the issue up at the next RAC meeting.
- Gave overview of pending Lunch Creek trail improvements.
- Kid's in Parks event this summer at Settlers, there will be a planning meeting next week, Board is welcome to share ideas.
- Winter weather has slowed outdoor park projects.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Leslie Jackson reported:

- Nothing to report, glad to see LIO priority list on agenda.

KASPER REPORT:

- Meeting this month, Floyd may attend. Need to contact Mary regarding Breakfast with the Birds.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Day Hike Debrief:** Teri commented on the good turnout, she estimated around 50 people showed up for some part of the event. The fire was noted as an important part of the event, giving people a central place to meet and stay warm after the polar plunge. Leslie noted on the diversity of attendees. Overall the event was viewed as a success. Teri suggested having the event at Refuge Cove again because of the park's location and swimming beaches.
- B. LIO Contact and Priority List Discussion:** Leslie noted the justifiable use of CPV funds for Totem Bight deferred maintenance projects due to the impact the cruise industry has on the park. There was a discussion about how these funds should be used to support existing and proven parks and facilities used by visitors and tour companies, instead of investing in new local parks. There was further discussion regarding the Boroughs use of CPV funds and the potential for community grants in the future if the Ward Cove cruise ship terminal is built, resulting in more CPV revenue for the Borough. Leslie will report back at the next meeting after attending the Borough Policy Session. Aaron will write up a list of local park needs and visitor use for Leslie, prior to her meeting with Rep. Ortiz. Amanda commented on contacting Sen. Steadman's office as well.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- C. Breakfast with the Birds Planning:** The 25th of April was tentatively chosen. If cruise ships are in port that morning or another Hummingbird Festival event conflicts, the date will be changed. Staff will check with the SE Discovery Center about scheduling. Leslie asked about charging or having a suggested donation this year to help cover costs. Teri suggested doing an 'early-bird' walk for more serious birders. Amanda thought the main bird walk should be noted as a 'family bird walk' There will be further planning at the next meeting.
- D. Christmas Light Removal at Totem Bight:** Postponed until next meeting, due to weather.
- E. Forage Fest:** Brief discussion regarding the proposed Forage Fest, ideas and possible contacts. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A: Breakfast with the Birds
- B: Christmas light removal
- C: LIO Update
- D: Kids in Parks Event
- E: Forage Fest

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2020